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# THE MONTANA KAIMIN

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## The News in Brief National and Collegiate

**U of California, Berkeley**—The deplorable condition of tennis facilities at California came to a focus recently when University officials once more refused to take any positive action on specific deficiencies at the campus plant.

**MSU**—Senators Murray, Mont., McGrath, R.I., and Magnusson, Wash., all Democrats, asked for liberal Democratic party and adherence to a two-party system in rally in the Florence hotel Sunday night.

**University of Utah, Salt Lake**—Utah's cumulative total of registration for 1947-48 reached approximately 9,900 during registration last week.

### Washington's Democratic Principles

Over at the University of Washington some students are adhering to old totalitarian form of political suppression. Or we might say, attempting it.

Recently a minority group, "Students for Wallace" put on a placard parade and demonstration, peacefully demonstrating their disagreement with UMT. Along the route of march certain members of their own student body pelted them with grapefruits, boos, threats, and disparaging remarks. They did this as civilized students against members of their own institution who have dared to think differently, who have professed their desire of any encouragement of war (which probably is their line of thought) by UMT.

Ordinarily, under our democratic doctrines, a placard political demonstration of this type is entirely legitimate. The minority surely comes under freedom of expression on our great democratic college campuses enough to exclude petty mob violence. But after the recent Washington fracas we wonder if the college system of education has fallen down in some of its aims—or has the student's intelligence been tested so often that it has decayed and deteriorated beyond tolerant thinking and reasoning.

The Kaimin isn't interested in campus political parties—its interest is in the student's conduct that test our democratic principles.—P. H.

### 'Misses Montana' Perform on Tour With Music Group

Patti Luer, Anaconda, and Carol Chaffin, Corvallis, the "Misses Montana," sang at the Gallatin high school in Bozeman, 3:15 p. m. yesterday, while the touring MSU musical group performed at Butte, in the late morning.

Patti Luer, "Miss Montana of 1948," and Carol Chaffin, "Miss Montana of 1947," accompanied the musical group, consisting of the Jubileers, the Brass Ensemble, and the Carmen Jones Ensemble aboard a 7 a. m. train Monday. The musical group got off at Butte to entertain, while Patti and Carol went on to Bozeman.

The "Misses Montana" rejoined the group at Columbus, where the touring musicians will play this morning, according to Andy Cogswell, director of public service.

**MSC**—James Peterson, Great Falls, student at Montana State College, was fatally wounded yesterday in an altercation in the State College steam heating plant. The heating plant engineer fired the shot as Peterson and other students forced entry into the plant. He died enroute to the hospital.

**Rome**—The biggest show of military power since the days of Mussolini's heyday paraded up the streets of Rome Sunday, just two weeks before the Italian elections. Although the parade was called to celebrate the renewal of the famed Sardinia Grenadier division, the Italian government also used the flaunt of military might as a warning to the Commies.

### Coal Strike Affects State Industries

Here is how Montana industries were affected by the coal strike as of the end of last week.

Coal operators at Bearcreek, Klein and Roundup were hit hard after being caught without stockpiles.

Two of five railroads serving Montana have felt the coal shortage. The Union Pacific branch to Butte has stopped running two passenger trains and one round-trip freight run daily. Idaho Falls-Butte passenger trains and one Butte-Pocatello freight were discontinued.

Cancellation of passenger service forced the post office department to advertise for bids to carry mail on the Butte-Dillon route.

Protests to the office of defense transportation almost restored service on the Milwaukee road branch from Harlowton through Lewistown to Great Falls.

## Queen Crowns Queen At Coronation Ball



### Drama Critic To Speak at Special Convo

John Mason Brown, drama critic for the Saturday Review of Literature, will speak tomorrow morning at a special 9:40 convocation.

Brown, president of the New York Dramatic Critics circle, is coming to the University at the invitation of Prof. Edmund Freeman, public exercises chairman.

He taught at MSU summer session in 1923, 1929, and 1931. He was granted a doctor of literature degree here in 1942.

He is scheduled to arrive in Missoula tonight, on his way to the west coast. A luncheon will be

### Coronation Ball Features Crowning of Patti Luer As Miss Montana of 1948

BY LORRAINE KURFISS

Amid cheers and applause, Patti Luer, Anaconda, walked up the aisle to the specially erected throne in the Student Union Gold room Saturday night to be crowned Miss Montana of 1948.

The three other finalists were Marion McAllister and Gayle Davidson, Polson, and Mona Jean Brown, Livingston, who will receive scholarships of \$60 each. AWS sponsored two of the

scholarships and Panhellenic the other.

Miss Luer will represent Montana at the Miss America pageant September 6-13. There she will display her musical and dramatic talents—in the three to five minutes allowed to each contestant. Her official chaperone and supervisors have as yet not been selected.

The coronation climaxed not only the Miss Montana pageant Friday night, and the Coronation (Coed) ball, but also represented the end of hours, days, and weeks of toil and preparation by the girls, their sponsors, and their supervisors.

### Radio Guild to Broadcast Dramas Over Montana Radios

Plans for broadcasting a series of radio dramas over Montana radio stations were announced yesterday by MSU Radio Guild Pres. Dan Snyder.

"We have cut five shows to date and we plan to cast and cut one each week until the series of 13 is complete," Snyder said.

Mrs. Virginia Glore, director of radio for the MSU Public Service Division, and a group of interested students established the foundation shortly after the beginning of winter quarter.

Now under the instruction of Mrs. Glore and John Shepherd, instructor in radio speech, from 20 to 30 members meet once a week to record radio dramas in the new radio studio in Main Hall.

Officers of the MSU Radio Guild are: Dan Snyder, Louisville, Ky., president; Jake Heckathorn, Hamilton, vice-president; and Gene Kramer, Missoula, secretary-treasurer.

Present plans of the organization call for division of the organization into scriptwriting, production and acting, and technical committees to expedite work on future shows, Snyder said.

The next meeting for present members will be at 1327 Arthur avenue at 7:30 Wednesday.

### Utah Finds Fines Save Stall Space

Unlike MSU, the University of Utah has done something about its parking situation, and benefited the school at the same time.

According to The Daily Utah Chronicle a parking system was set up last January, and all violators were required to pay up their fines or they would not be permitted to register for spring quarter.

Spring quarter found that fines of 100 violators were unpaid, so the school asked for and received \$100, and registration continued.

A transfer student claimed he was "a visitor to the campus" for his automobile was not registered in the state of Utah, but this was of no avail, and it cost him the tidy sum of \$16.

### Votes Cast at Pageant

Deciding votes were cast by the seven judges at the pageant Friday night as the 18 contestants walked down the ramp in front of them. The show was patterned after the 1947 Miss America pageant. They were shown in bathing suits and formals, and each was allowed three to five minutes to display her talent.

Described by announcer Lewis Stoerker as "beautiful, charming, and talented," the winning contestant, Patti Luer, ascended the throne Saturday night to receive the golden crown from Carol Chaffin, Miss Montana of 1947, and Pres. James A. McCain. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

### Coronation Broadcast

The coronation was rebroadcast over KGVO later in the evening. President McCain predicted to radio listeners that in years to come, Montana would provide a Miss America to the nation. "Miss Luer, he said, has a very good chance (please see page four)



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## Our Political Football

Traditions have come and gone at Montana. Among the oldest to survive rigor mortis, natural or by the faculty axe, are SOS, Forester's ball, several clubs, and of course, the student's favorite, Aber day.

Back in 1915 a student holiday in honor of Prof. N. M. Aber, who was instrumental in developing the campus, was begun. Today it's essentially the same old Aber day, a day devoted to a general cleanup, plus an added element of highly political polling.

Candidates who are elected on this day will act as the governing body for MSU students for the coming year. This aspect should bear more thought than any other portion of the Aber day program. It doesn't take much judgment to wield a rake, sit through high court, or stay on or off the campus.

The dictates of various political groups will be oiling machinery for smooth maneuvers within the week. The perennial consequent will result—a continual Greek-Independent wrangle and the usual inter-Greek friction that can't be eliminated by oil or smoothness.

It's time for the students, as students of MSU, and not as individual organizations, to commence voting solely upon ability and character instead of affiliation. Zilch may be a "peachy" football player or orator and he might "belong" but how capable is he?

Independent interest, as a whole, is lacking and has been for several years. A definite need for mutual leadership and coordination between all factions concerned with bettering the government at MSU is needed. Many plans and projects with material benefit to the students and University can be undertaken within the next year if the distribution of campus offices is placed in the most capable and competent hands.

Concern yourself with the merits of the candidates and attempt to be democratic for the best interests of the school. Will the student face campus problems and issues with a progressive attitude? Does the candidate have proper vision for the job? Is he or she capable of supporting the opinion of the student body? Selecting candidates, and electing officers, are things we should be concerning ourselves with now. They last for a year—not a day. — P. H.

## Letters to the Editor . . .

### WHERE'S CHUCK?

Dear Editor:

Am writing this letter to you in hopes that you may be able to help me. I am trying to locate a person who is a junior in the School of Forestry at Montana State University.

Here's the story. Recently I received a letter from a person who signed the message with the name Chuck. This person is obviously an old friend of navy days. The only trouble is that no last name was given or was there any return address.

I know about eight people with the nickname of Chuck so you can see the spot I am in. I would very much like to continue this correspondence but am unable to because of lack of information.

In the letter it stated he was a junior in the School of Forestry. As I am a member of our college newspaper I am taking the liberty of writing you in hopes you will publish my letter and have Chuck

send a card with his name and address on it.

Any help you can give me in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

In closing let me say I probably will feel like a fool when I find out who Chuck is.

Sincerely,

E. Robert Scherer  
208 E. Superior  
Chicago 11, Illinois.

Ed. Note—"Chuck," you rascal, where are you?

A letter asking the difference between centigrade and Fahrenheit temperature measures was published in the Paris edition of the New York Herald, and by accident it appeared again in the paper the next day. As a lesson to his employees, the publisher, James Gordon Bennett, ordered that that same letter appear every day until he died. As of 1918, it had been published 6,700 times.

## MSU Social Whirl

Forty gals and fellas decided to test the food at each others dorms last Tuesday. The exchange was between North and South hall. From all reports it was, "more fun and we'd like another."

### Pajama Jamboree

It seems entertainment for North hall has been at a peak recently. The girls of third floor east gave a pajama party for the rest of the dorm. The newly organized North hall sextet gave out with a few Easter selections and the highlights of the evening's entertainment was a pajama style show.

### Election of Officers

The election and installation of officers played an important part in last week's activities in several of the living groups.

Edith Dresner, Yonkers, N. Y., is the new president of the Co-op house and Marie Pederson, Big Timber, is secretary. The house management is under the direction of Clara Pederson, Big Timber, and Janet Blessing, Billings, is in charge of social activities.

Bill Hahn, Missoula, is the new Theta Chi "house mouse." Other house officers are: Phil Magee, Butte, who is chaplain; Brick McElwain, Hagerstown, Md., and John Berg, Shawmut, who are first and second guards, respectively; recording the history of the chapter is in the hands of Gene Roberts, Glendive; and Bob Friede, Chicago, is librarian.

Last, but not least, we find North hall electing corridor officers. Taking over as chairman of their respective wings are Betty Buck, Stevensville; Margie Anderson, Kalispell; LeVonne North, Billings; and Lois Jean Chauvin, Butte. Betty Bee Young, Lewistown; Mildred Roy, Anaconda; Mary Kelly, Helena; and Ada Lust, Kalispell, will act as their assistants.

### Initiations and Pledging

Bill Emery, Valier, and Kenneth Kirkpatrick, Kalispell, were formerly initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon Sunday Afternoon. The Sig Eps increased their pledge group with the pledging of Bob Ross, Thompson Falls, and Doug Wilkinson, Hamilton.

The nine men that became active members of Sigma Nu Sunday are: Dallas Reed, and Dell Tyler, both of Missoula; Tom Payne, Bill Gaskell, Jack Armstrong, and Melvin Clindenin, all of Livingston; Reid Collins, Great Falls; and Jack Kosnick, Cut Bank.

Eugene, Ore., was the scene of the SAE province convention last week end that was attended by five of the brothers. Orville Rostad, Lennep, was initiated at the convention. Don Graff, Laurel; Stewart Witcomb, Valier; Charles Wickhizer, Butte; and Jack Kiely, Butte, are new pledges.

### A New Diamond

The romantic side of campus life was upheld last week by Jo Teela, Havre, who received a diamond ring from Tom Edwards, Butte.

The subject of charm was also

in the limelight last Monday evening as Mrs. John Lester gave her closing lecture to the Co-op women.

### Visitors on Campus

Among the visitors to the campus were Mr. and Mrs. Brandt and daughter Helen, Spokane, Wash., who visited Sally; Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Dotz, who visited their daughters, Estelle and Leona; and John C. Toole '33, Shelby, who visited the ATO's. Incidentally, he is now running for Lt. governor on the Democratic ticket.

The Kappa's held their Charter day dinner in honor of the alumni and graduating seniors last Wednesday. Thursday found the Theta's participating in a chapter dinner.

### Dinner Guests

Among the ATO dinner guests we find Don Forbes, Don R. Knoll, Dick Haag, Lewis Terwilliger, Howard Bonnett and Stan Phillips. Art Foley, Great Falls, was an SAE dinner guest Thursday and Lloyd Paulson, Belt, was entertained by the Theta Chis last week.

Joan Driscoll, Jean Patterson, Virginia Murry, and Danette Kelly were Sunday dinner guests of the KKG's. Mrs. Erickson, Fargo, N. D., visited them Friday.

The DG's entertained Ann Cummins, Missoula, and Jane Leavitt Miles City, Tuesday, and Ella Lee Burkett, Roundup, Diane Matson Red Lodge, and Barbara Manthe Missoula, were Sunday guests.

Fray Johnson and Jo Shearer of Helena were Alpha Phi guests Sunday.

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# Sports

## SH, SX to Bowl For Intramural Championship

### PDT, PSK, Row Houses Eliminated After Close Week-end Playoffs

South hall and Sigma Chi pulled top honors in the Saturday intramural bowling tournament. South hall advanced to the finals by beating Phi Delta Theta and Row Houses while Sigma Chi gained entrance by dropping Theta Chi and Phi Sigma Kappa.

In the opening round PSK edged AE by seven pins. Sigma Chi and Theta Chi were tied in total pins after the first two games but SX went out in front in the third game to win by a scant 18 pins. In the other opening match South hall swamped the Row Houses.

The tournament finalists were determined by a quick death, single elimination series. Most total pins for three games constituted a win.

High games of the day were bowled by Edwards, SX, with games of 222 and 206, McGlenn, Row Houses with 209, and Houtz, SK, with 200. High series was not by Edwards with 574.

Sigma Chi and South hall will play off the championship next Saturday at the Liberty lanes at 3 p. m. At 3 p. m. Saturday the first round of the Inter-fraternity fest will get underway. The four teams to compete are: PDT, X, SAE, and TX.

### COLORADO DEFENDS CROWN

Colorado university Buffaloes successfully defended their crown in the annual Colorado track and field meet in Boulder Saturday. The Bobcats from Montana agricultural college were one of four teams that failed to score in the meet. A Grizzly team was not entered.

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## Sports from Palmer's Pen

A variety of conflicting opinions have been offered as to why Montana is not included in the PCC basketball schedule and here is another one.

Coach Douglas Fessenden says the reasons Montana is not in the basketball conference are that the gym does not always afford ideal playing conditions and that the gym does not have a large enough seating capacity.

This all adds up to a new field house.

For the time being Montana had better just sit tight and wait until we get a field house, possibly by 1950 or 51. The University is doing everything possible in order to have a new one by that time.

## Skiers Try Spring Snow; Reports Good

Unseasonable snow and cold weather may be holding up practice on spring sports, but skiing still goes on—at least in some places.

Skiers back from week-end skiing at Whitefish report excellent snow conditions at Big Mountain, although the road from Whitefish to the ski area is in terrible shape. Employees at the slope say the road will be worked over during the week and should be more passable next week end.

The road is the big problem at Whitefish. Officials expect snow conditions to be good until May 1. The MSU ski club is tentatively planning a trip there this week end.

Gibbons pass still has plenty of good snow, according to students who skied there Saturday and Sunday. Lookout is usually good for spring skiing. Belmont at Helena still has skiing.

Anaconda has plenty of snow, but it is pretty wet. Butte ended its skiing season a week ago, and Diamond mountain saw its last two weeks ago.

Missoula Mountaineers who hiked into Marshall bowl, seven miles up the Rattlesnake, Sunday report good snow conditions. Only the more ambitious skiers are apt to be attracted to Marshall, however, since neither road nor tow are available.

Marshall bowl is about the only spot in the Missoula area which has a good amount of snow throughout the winter months.

The Kakapo lives in holes, burrows in the ground. It's a bird.

## Fahrenheit Worries Grid Coach

One-half degree in temperature may postpone Spring football practice today, according to Doug Fessenden, football coach.

"If it's four and a half degrees above we won't start practice. If it's five degrees above, we will start," said Doug hopefully.

Like so many other coaches at MSU, Fessenden is having his troubles with the weather.

The time element is becoming critical as the football team has only 30 days of spring practice allowed them in compliance with PCC rules.

## Senators Urge Party Unity For Democrats

### Murray In Favor Of Larger Appropriations To Improve West

Three Democratic senators at a banquet at the Florentine Gardens Sunday afternoon urged western Montana Democrats to stick with the party, get out the vote, and return liberal party members to office.

Montana's senior senator, James E. Murray, pointed out that state population has decreased 11.9 per cent during the last 10 years, according to late census statistics. He advocated as did Senator Magnusson of Washington, larger appropriations for irrigation, reclamation, and power development to help build the West.

Rhode Island's Senator J. Howard McGrath, chairman of the national Democratic central committee, said many important legislative decisions are reached by a majority of one vote. Thus it behooves those persons interested in good democratic government to be well organized locally and see that their candidate is elected to cast the deciding votes.

The national chairman's opinion of such third parties as Henry Wallace's was expressed when he said, "We have in America today the two-party system, and I hope we always continue to have the two-party system."

Senators McGrath and Magnusson both praised the progressive record of Senator Murray and Representative Mike Mansfield, and urged that these men be returned to office.

Montana Democrats among the estimated two hundred and fifty attending the meeting included Attorney General Vic Bottomly, State Auditor John J. Holmes, Chief Justice Hugh Adair, Associate Justices Lee Metcalf, and Albert Angstrom, Helena's Mayor Ray Wine, and Democratic gubernatorial aspirants John Bonner, Art Lamey, and Vern Hoven.

Frogs and toads use their eyes to help them swallow. The eyeballs are pulled down, and the food is forced on down the throat.

## When Your Secretary Quits Phi Chi Theta Takes Over

In 1492, so the story goes, Columbus discovered America. Some 450 years later, people continue to honor the man by naming the second (or maybe it's the first) most popular method of typing after him.

Now please understand, this article is not intended to debunk the method, what with the writer being one of its more proficient followers. However, it is generally known that there is another method which, amazingly enough, takes into consideration the fact that the human hand possesses only four fingers and not more than one thumb per each.

Not so generally known is the fact that the University has an organization, each member of which is most skilled in this highly efficient method, which has been formed with the idea of helping those poor unfortunates who can not spend eight or nine hours typing themes, theses, and letters to the editor.

This group, all members of Phi Chi Theta, has been formed to aid students in doing general typing as well as cutting stencils. Incidentally, there is a slight charge for this service, but the rates are reasonable and depend upon the nature of the paper.

So here is your chance to end your typing worries. Give your work to one of these experts, all seniors in the business administration school, and let them do the worrying.

During the eighteenth century St. Valentine's day was condemned by the clergy. On this day, young unmarried people drew slips from an urn with a name of a man or woman on it. This entitled the bearer to claim the person named as a sweetheart for one year. (Ed. note: Then what?)

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## Journalism Students Will Edit Lewistown Daily News

Ten journalism school students will travel to Lewistown today to publish two issues of the Lewistown Daily News on Thursday and Friday.

The journalism students are to handle the advertising and editorial departments of the paper and the regular Daily News mechanical staff will handle that department.

"This will not only give the students a chance to see the problems encountered in actual newspaper work, but also will give them a chance to show Montana publishers what they are capable of doing," said James L. C. Ford, dean of the journalism school.

Seniors making the trip are Ellen Mouat, Myers; Jean Bartley, Great Falls; Dorothy McKenzie, Philipsburg; Gordon Nelson, New England, N. D.; Ralph Evans, Bozeman; Dave Larsen, Missoula; Bill Barbour, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Roy June, Missoula. Walter Orvis, Missoula, and Louise Morrison, Billings, juniors, also are making the trip.

### Positions Named

The city editor position for both issues will be filled by Walter Orvis. Other assignments are Gordon Nelson, head of the copy desk; Jean Bartley, society and general reporting; Ralph Evans, staff photographer; Bill Barbour, sports and general reporting; Louise Morrison and Dave Larsen, advertising; and Ellen Mouat, Dorothy McKenzie and Roy June, general reporting.

### Faculty Goes Too

Edward B. Dugan, associate professor of journalism, and Robert Struckman, assistant professor of journalism, will accompany the group to Lewistown. Mr. Dugan will supervise the advertising department and Mr. Struckman will supervise the reporters and copy-readers.

Mr. Dugan and the advertising staff will depart for Lewistown Tuesday and will return to Missoula Friday. Mr. Struckman and the editorial staff will leave Wednesday and return following publication of the second issue of the paper Friday.

Kenneth R. Byerly, publisher of the Lewistown Daily News, proposed that journalism students plan a trip to Lewistown for the purpose of publishing the paper, while on a visit to the journalism school last fall, Dean Ford said.

Previously, journalism students have made group field trips for purposes of observation to Butte, Great Falls, and Spokane, but never have actually taken over the publication of a newspaper.

## 'Miss Montana' Crowned Saturday

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to win that title at Atlantic City this year.

Miss Montana of 1948 has already hitched her wagon to a star, saying that her ambition is to be a Metropolitan opera singer.

She was born in Missoula 18 years ago. She attended her freshman year in high school at Gardiner, after which she spent her remaining three years living with her grandparents and attending Missoula County High school. There she sang in the a cappella choir, and was a member of the National Honor society, the Horizon club, and Thespians.

### Campus

### Briefs

Election of officers and a report on the dance held last quarter will be featured in a Business Ad club meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Silver room of the Student Union. After the business meeting a luncheon will be served, according to Helen Carr, publicity chairman.

Office elections for Law association will follow the film "English Criminal Justice," in Journalism 304 at 3 p.m. this afternoon, Patrick J. McDonough, president, Shelby, announced yesterday.

"Trends in Modern Pharmaceutical Manufacturing," will be the title of a speech by A. J. Longpre, Seattle district manager of Squibb Drug Co., at a meeting of the Pharmacy club tomorrow night at 7:30.

Cheerleaders are to report to the Gold room of the Student Union today at 4 for the first spring practice. Practices will be held every Tuesday at this same time

for the rest of the quarter.

WAA board members will meet Tuesday at 4 in the Women's gym, according to Ann Fraser, Billings, president.

Intercollegiate Knights will meet at 9 o'clock each Tuesday evening instead of at 7:30, Royal Johnson, Butte, Chief Grizzly, announced last week. The \$2 initiation fee can be paid at the meeting tonight, and will no longer be accepted at the Student Union business office.

The intramural sports managers will meet today at 3 o'clock in room 303 of the Men's gym. Plans

for swimming and softball and rulings on eligibility will be discussed.

Candidates for assistant manager and junior varsity manager of the university tennis team are asked to report to Coach Jules Karlin or Assistant Coach Bruce Beatty at the courts after 3 p.m.

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